

BABE RUTH BROKE RECORD WHEN HE SLAMMED OUT FOR HOME RUNS

Boston PITCHER-OUTFIELDER Lifted Ball Over the Oriole Park Fence Six Times in Two Games; Former Record Held by Napoleon Cross, But Was Made Against Minor League Twirlers Twenty-Four Years Ago.

By ERNEST J. LANGRAN.

BABE RUTH'S six homers in two games in Baltimore this spring set a new baseball record and set old-timers and fans talking, as well as historians to digging in the archives for data on consecutive four baggers. George Herman didn't shatter the exhibition game record for circuit clouts when, on April 16, he belted the ball over the right field barrier at Oriole park four times, but probably in another month he will have done something better than Babe's record of a class A or class AA team.

Cross Held Record.

Lafayette Napoleon Cross, who captained the Athletics when they won their first two flags, wrote the same number of homers as Babe did in an exhibition game in the same year, 1890. The low-legged infielder then went with the Phillies, who had just been discovered by the Quakers, who were managed by Arthur Irwin. Benny Knorr, skipper, stopped Irwin in Hagerstown to play a regular exhibition game with the Hagerstown team. When the troupe was over the porters discovered that Knorr's team had punched out 46 drives, good for double this number of issues, and earned \$7 runs.

Many Home Runs.

More than half of the Phil ballies—14, for an exact—were the result of four-baggers. Cross being high with the bat with as many homers as Ruth got in the first exhibition game the Red Sox played in Baltimore this spring and with two singles and two doubles as well. Late in the game, Knorr, who only was able to make seven safeties, two of which were for the circuit, Irwin was in a hurry to find out what the score of this game was. Late in the game Irwin and his Rochester club did their 1910 spring training in Swanton, Vt., where, on March 23, 1897, after a notable game was run off, the University of Pennsylvania team, which was coached by Irwin, obliterated Swanton 20 to 1. Clarence Hayes, probably the greatest pitcher in the history of the game, had a man equally as good as Dutch Carter or either of the Highlunds, Andy or John Dundee, in and hitting nine hits, of which three were for the full distance. The Pennsylvania made 49 safeties for a total of 21 bases.

Byrne died of appendicitis while at the University of Pennsylvania. Most of his spare time was taken up studying to become a professional. Like Harry Davis, he was a Girard college boy. In an exhibition game the same evening as the Red and Blue annihilated Swanton, the Superior collected 10 hits from a flock of Brooklyn Police, including pitchers, pitchers, Mike Griffin, who, like Ruth, came into prominence in Baltimore, punching out seven—four doubles, one triple and two homers.

Tackled Them Again. Unlabeled, the Brooklyn Redskins tackled the Superior in the last game of the following spring and again.

Friends Make Up Purse for Smith. Bill player friends of Clarence (Duffy) Smith, who has had to quit the game because of a lung trouble, contributed \$100 for him before he left Port Worth for Jacksonville, N. C., where he hopes the climate will prolong his life. Puppys has been a pitcher since he broke into baseball as a vendor of peanuts and pop at Birmingham and played and then with him when he had to leave his efforts to regain his health.

The Sharpshooter's Column

"Lucky Smith's Best Bet"

Sam Fowler and "Lucky" Smith might be called "THE OIL TWINS OF BURKBURNETT. When everybody else laughed at the idea that there was OIL in that district Fowler and Smith were RIGHT ON THE JOB—PLUGGING AWAY. Folks said that Fowler was ruining what might have been a mighty good COTTON PATCH when he started sinking his first well and allowed his drillers to tramp all over the tract. Then July 26th the OIL CAME and did RUIN THE COTTON PATCH, but it didn't RUIN SAM. It made SAM RICH. "Lucky" Smith was two shakes of a lamb's tail behind Fowler and brought in the SECOND WELL in BURKBURNETT. The SMITH WELL today is one of the steady producers. Smith put OCEAN OIL on the MAP. It is one of the most active STOCKS on the El Paso Stock Exchange. He is now responsible for SILVER CYCLE. He says: "I will give the stockholders one of the biggest wells in the Burkburnett field on the Silver Cycle in Block 75—I am actually figuring on a gusher."

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NICK GUNDY WHO MEETS MCCARTY

STATES THAT HE WILL MEET ANY WELTER OR MIDDLE-WEIGHT ON THE BORDER.

About two years ago or a little earlier than that, boxing fans of the border witnessed some very fast work by one Rufus Williams, welterweight, who also met middleweights when he disposed of all the men in his class. Williams retired from the game for a short time, but is now coming back to it and he issued a challenge to all boxers on the border for a match to be held in Columbus or at any other point. In a letter to The Herald sporting editor, Williams outlines his plans as follows:



Just a few lines to let you and my many followers know that I, who have been out of the game for more than a year on account of my health, have returned to the ring again. I am stronger and faster than ever and am ready to meet all comers in the welter and middleweight classes. I would be very glad to get another crack at Hayden, as you and other know that I had him on the last time he took all of that to make and ran the grand old game. I am going to be well again and in training longford has 30 or 40 pounds on me. I would also be glad to meet Mr. Soderberg, my opponent of his last fight. He is the best and cleanest boy on the border and I am sure that I have secured a good enough to take care of myself against any of them. I was discharged from the service Thursday, but I am proud to say that I was the army when I was needed and I will be "Johnny on the spot" when there is another call to arms. "Sneak, Rufus Williams."

SPORTOGRAPHY

ROMIEUS HORNBY'S failure to hit Ricks handicapped the Cardinals this spring. The stinger is rated down around the 200 mark. Howard Shanks, of the Washington club, is playing a good game at shortstop. He can play any position in the infield or outfield.

Harry Harper goes through more motions than any other pitcher in the American league. And he has the goods, too. Many baseball sharps are beginning to believe that Rose Young, of the New York Giants, is a faster runner than Ty Cobb on the bases. Young certainly has developed into one of the greatest runners in the game. He is hitting splendidly and may be the National League's chemistry business this year. In the field Young is covering much ground and is making hard catches look easy. Cobb has always been a wonderful base runner, but Howard Shanks has closely observed Young in his field and is unexcelled in speed. So far, Young is leading the National League in batting, and it is not an accident.

Death of Yankee Sullivan. "Yankee" Sullivan, one of the earliest of American pugilistic champions, died in San Francisco 41 years ago to-morrow, May 21, 1888. After quitting the ring "Yankee" went to California and engaged in painting and other activities, which brought upon him the displeasure of the Vigilantes. His sudden end, while confined in the "dungeons of the Vigilantes," was supposedly self-inflicted, and aroused a worldwide protest against the methods of the self-constituted rulers of San Francisco.

Baseball. Ryan, who real name is given as James and Frank Ryan, was born in London of Irish parents. He started fighting in New York, and later won the middleweight championship of England, after which he returned to America and fought for the American heavyweight title. He was defeated by Tom Hyer, and also by John Morrissey, although the latter was not a technical, as Sullivan had all the best of the mill. "Yankee" was only a middleweight, but he ranks among the best of early American fighters.

Goss-Ryan Championship Battle. Tuesday Ryan defeated the Great in 27 rounds at Guller Station, Va. Ryan won the heavyweight championship of America, and it was one of the hardest and most grueling bare-knuckle contests ever witnessed in the ring. In the end Goss was beaten down and whipped into submission. Ryan, who had been a champion fighter of America, battled from Troy, N. Y., which city produced so many great fighters, among them John Morrissey, John C. Heenan, Mike Lento and others. Ryan held the title a little less than two years, and yielded it to John Sullivan in the famous battle of Mississippi City. The redoubtable Paddy was a giant in stature, and a hard fighter. He was in his 37th year and already had several notable victories to his credit when he whipped Goss. Joe Goss had been fighting Tom Allen in Kentucky, winning on a foul in the 1st round. Ryan won only by his victory over Goss in the battle for the title, which lasted for an hour and 27 minutes.

Baseball. In the next week, the Cubs, being over the worst of their ouches, should be able to pick up where the Giants and Dodgers should hold well up until completed to take the lead. The American League, Cleveland, Chicago and Chicago should improve rapidly at the expense of the Red Sox and the Yankees, who, by the way, seem likely to have started hitting.

Baseball. Still in mourning the untimely death of Hermann Schaefer, one of the cleanest, finest fellows ever developed in the National sport. "Schaefer" was a big, strong, and powerful man before many of us realized that his tubercular trouble was at all serious. As a wit and humorist "Duke" Schaefer was one of the best we ever had. He organized the "Dugan club" of which Bill Dugan was the leader. The death of the club was a big loss to something like this.

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THIS show is working out with wonderful accuracy. The season is near the end of the first stage and on June 1 the second period will start. This is evident. It is evident that pitching alone has caused the differences in percentage between the teams thus far and it is unfortunate that the weak teams, with a few exceptions, have had the weak pitching. Ordinarily the strong teams, naturally possessing veteran pitchers, are weak during the early spring because veteran pitchers are slow in coming into shape and during that period the weaker clubs, usually consisting of young pitchers, gain a certain amount of experience. This year, practically every team has veteran pitchers and the weather conditions encountered thus far are ideal.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Friday Morning Games. At Pittsburgh: P. H. E. Cardinals, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12. At Philadelphia: P. H. E. Phillies, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12. At New York: P. H. E. Yankees, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12. At Boston: P. H. E. Red Sox, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12. At Philadelphia: P. H. E. Phillies, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12. At New York: P. H. E. Yankees, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12. At Boston: P. H. E. Red Sox, 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12.

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